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Bridgeton Landfill owners must fix odor problem, attorney general says

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By [Greta Weiderman](#)

Republic Services, which owns the Bridgeton Landfill, has come to an agreement with Missouri Attorney General [Chris Koster](#) to follow a schedule on work to reduce the landfill's odor.

Since January, [an underground landfill fire has become more severe](#), causing odor issues for neighbors of the landfill.

As part of the agreed order, which Koster announced today, Republic Services will provide temporary lodging for residents within a one-mile radius of the landfill during removal of reinforced concrete pipes, which is scheduled to start May 20.

Residents will be provided with hotel accommodations, and those who stay with friends or family will be compensated \$125 per week.

According to the order, Republic must also reimburse state agencies for monitoring and sampling of the air and ground at the site.

The order requires Republic to remove the top sections of the concrete pipes, which are contributing to the smell and subsurface smoldering, and add a new landfill cap to capture and destroy odorous gasses and starve the subsurface of oxygen, according to Koster's office.

Koster said the agreement represents "the first step in addressing the immediate and long-term issues raised by conditions at the site."

The agreement also allows the [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#) to direct Republic to take immediate steps to combat the spread of the fire.

[Koster filed a lawsuit March 27 that outlined Republic Services' alleged violations](#) of Missouri environmental laws in its operation of the landfill. Since July, odors from the landfill have undermined "the quality of life for people living and working in neighboring residences and businesses," according to the lawsuit.

